

Preparing for Program Year 2019

Most of you have not submitted your attestation for Program Year 2018 but are already preparing for Program Year 2019! Kudos to you!!!! However, before you get too far with your preparations you will need to review upcoming changes. On November 1st, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Physician Fee Schedule final rule, which affects requirements from Program Year 2019 and beyond. To view the final rule, please visit: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/>.

eCQM Policies for PY 2019

- The list of available eCQMs for Eligible Professionals (EPs) is aligned with the list of eCQMs available for Eligible Clinicians under MIPS. Those eCQMs can be found at <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-professional-eligible-clinician-ecqms>.
- EPs who are returning meaningful users must report on a one year eCQM reporting period and first-time meaningful users must report on a 90 day eCQM reporting period.
- EPs are required to report on any six eCQMs related to their scope of practice.
- EPs are required to report on at least one outcome or high-priority measure. If there are none relevant to an EP's scope of practice, they may report on any six relevant measures.

Program Year 2021 Policies

- All EPs will have 90 day reporting periods for Meaningful Use and eCQMs.

Meaningful Use Policies

The threshold for Stage 3 Objective 6, Measure 1 (View, Download, Transmit) and Measure 2 (Secure Messaging) is set at 5% for the remainder of the program.

Important Dates:

- **January 1, 2018**
Reporting period begins for Program Year 2018.
MU reporting period is any consecutive 90 day period.
eCQM reporting period is 90 days for first time MU'er and a full year for returning MU'ers.
- **September/October 2018**
Tentative go live dates for Program Year 2018 Modified Stage 2 and Stage 3.
- **November 30, 2018**
Deadline for CAHs to submit hardship exception application.
- **December 31, 2018**
Reporting period ends for Program Year 2018.
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Important Dates (continued):

- **March 31, 2019**
Deadline to submit Program Year 2018 attestations.
- **December 31, 2019**
Reporting period ends for Program Year 2019.
- **2021**
Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

KHIE Connection

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the Public Health Authority for the public health measures within the EHR Incentive Program (now known as Promoting Interoperability). In order to be deemed a Meaningful User the provider must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation. Public Health guidance is available on the EHR website as well as the KHIE website.

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Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (Promoting Interoperability) Status, October 29, 2018

	Registrations	Completed Attestations	Total Paid	Amount Paid
Hospitals	95	302	272	\$133,849,825.36
Providers	5,257	10,552	8,929	\$127,062,252.95
Totals	5,352	10,854	9,201	\$260,912,078.31

For Assistance with Meaningful Use

Regional Extension Centers (REC)

- Kentucky REC at the University of Kentucky: <http://kentuckyrec.com/>
- Kentucky Rural Health Information Organization: <https://krhio.org/>

Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (Promoting Interoperability)

- Medicaid EHR website <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/ehr.aspx>
- Send an email to EHRIncentives@ky.gov
- Send an email from Send E-mail function at <https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>
- Submit an Issue/Concern through attestation website